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SUBJ: THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SED.

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1. IN AN APRIL 20 SPEECH DELIVERED AT 30TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATIONS OF THE FOUNDING OF THE SED IN EAST BERLIN, SED
FIRST SECRETARY ERICH HONECKER EXPRESSED ONCE AGAIN GDR
SUPPORT FOR PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM. ALONG LINES SIMILAR
TO THOS CONTAINED IN HIS RECENT ARTICLE ON THE 1946 MERGER
OF THE KPD AND SPD TO FORM THE SED, (REFTEL) HONECKER LABELED
THE SED A "COMPARTMENT" (ABTEILUNG) OF THE WORLD COMMUNIST MOV-
EMENT AND STRESSED THAT THE PARTY HAD BEEN ALLIED WITH THE SOVIET
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UNION FROM ITS INCEPTION AND WOULD ALWAYS STAND FAST IN

SUPPORT OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM.

2. COMING ON THE HEELS OF GDR OBSERVANCES OF THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF FOLK HERO ERNST THAELMANN, HEAD OF THE DKP UP TO HIS ARREST BY THE NAZIS IN 1933, THE LAVISH SED ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WAS ATTENDED BY THE SED POLIT-BURO, HEADS OF THE ALLIED PARTIES, AND 400 GUESTS FROM ALL OVER THE GDR. THE PRINCIPAL SPEECHES AND CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FOCUSED ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE "HISTORICAL HANDSHAKE" BETWEEN WILHELM PIECK (KPD) AND OTTO GROTEWOHL (SPD) THAT SIGNIFIED THE MERGER OF THE KPD AND SPD TO FORM THE SED IN 1946. ALTHOUGH HONECKER REFERRED IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE "SOCIALIST GERMAN NATION" IN THE GDR, THE ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM THAT FOLLOWED THE SPEECHES, DOMINATED AS IT WAS BY A SOVIET SOLOIST SINGING "THE SONG OF LENIN AND THE PARTY" AND A SONG AND DANCE PROGRAM BY AN ENSEMBLE FROM THE GROUP OF SOVIET FORCES IN GERMANY, CONVEYED THE IMPRESSION OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM IN THE FLESH RATHER THAN OF THINGS GERMAN, WHETHER SOCIALIST OR OTHERWISE.COOPER

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